

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HJR 63**

February 12, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Urges the State Board of Education to require all high school students to complete a course in career and technical education prior to graduation.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – If the State Board of Education decides not to require all graduating high school students to complete one credit course in career and technical education, the fiscal impact would be minimal. Should the State Board decide to require graduating high school students to complete one credit course in career and technical education, there would be an estimated increase in state expenditures of an amount exceeding \$100,000 and an estimated increase in local government expenditures of an amount exceeding \$100,000.**

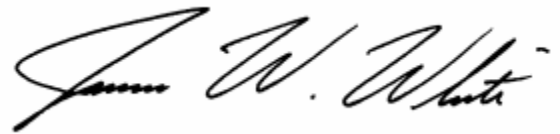
#### Assumptions:

- Since the resolution is not mandatory on the State Board of Education, any cost to local governments would not take effect until the State Board votes to enact the requirement set out in this resolution.
- Assumes that any curriculum change by the State Board which results in an increase in expenditures would be shared by the state and local governments.
- A student may currently enroll in a career and technical course in the sixth grade up through the twelfth grade.
- In most middle schools, students rotate on a 6, 9, or 12-week cycle; therefore, in many middle schools with this rotation process most students would be exposed to a career and technical course.
- In school year 2005-06 approximately 59.06% of students in grades 9-12 took at least one career and technical course.
- The Department of Education estimated that at least 80% of high school students have taken a minimum of one career and technical course over their four-year period in grades 9-12.

- If 20% of high school students have not taken a course and would now be required to do so, state and local expenditures could increase in an amount exceeding \$100,000. This assumes that some additional teachers would need to be hired in some school systems.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director